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LENT 2019

A blessed Lenten journey to you. As Lutherans, our piety is to immerse ourselves deeply in the season of Lent. The four gospels put their major emphasis on the last week and especially the last three days of Jesus' life and so do we.

Our Holy Week (April 14- April 21, 2019) is a journey leading from the "Hosannas" of Palm Sunday to the "Alleluias" of Easter by way of the agony of the Cross and the uncertainty of the Easter Vigil. Each Holy Week is a time of meditation finding our place on the road Jesus took to our salvation.

We begin Lent always with Ash Wednesday. This year the Methodist Church will offer the Imposition of Ashes at 8:30 a.m. on the 6th of March. Zion will offer a brief worship service at noon with the Imposition of Ashes. Our usual Soup Supper and worship will be at the Congregational church beginning at 6 p.m. With all those options there is no reason to bypass this important day in the Christian church.

During the time of Lent we are reminded of the importance of penance and fasting as ways of deepening our faith. To remember the suffering of Jesus, a suffering love, is to hold this time in a special way with service to the poor and hungry, with time spent in prayer and scripture reading, with other signs that make this season more visible to each one of us.

On the first Sunday in Lent we will have available for you a Lenten devotional called "The Saving Passion" with inspiration from Henri J. M. Nouwen, a religious author and priest. Watch for those as we have a limited number. You can also use your Word in Season as a guide for your Lenten devotional.

Even though we wash off the ashes of Ash Wednesday that evening, the imprint of the ashes remains throughout the days of Lent.

We are invited to walk this way with Jesus in the days to come. Jesus said, "Take up your cross and follow me." It is through suffering and eyes wide open to the confusion of this world we walk the way Jesus leads to peace, reconciliation and justice.

But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of any works of righteousness we had done, but according to his mercy, through the water of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit. This Spirit he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life. Titus 3:4-7



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INSERTS:

*Zion's Church Calendar
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LENTEN WORSHIP 2019

Congregational Church, United Methodist Church,
Zion Lutheran Church (ELCA)

March 6th, 2019 Ash Wednesday

12:10 worship / Imposition of Ashes
Zion Lutheran Church, 401 Riverview Avenue
6 p.m. Soup supper, worship with Imposition of Ashes
Congregational Church, Glendive

Weekly Lenten Services

March 13, 20, 27; April 3, 10, 17
Congregational Church, Glendive

6 p.m. soup supper followed by worship

Holy Week begins Sunday, April 14

- Palm Sunday and First Communion for 5th graders

Thursday, April 18

- Maundy Thursday worship at 7 p.m. at Zion with Holy Communion

Friday, April 19

- Good Friday, Community worship at United Methodist Church at noon
- Tenebrae worship at Zion at 7 p.m.

Saturday, April 20

- Easter Vigil with Holy Communion at 7 p.m.

Easter Sunday, April 21

- Worship with Holy Communion at 7 a.m. and 10 a.m. ~ Easter breakfast served between services

Zion's Mission Statement:

As a body of believers, created by God, redeemed by Christ, empowered by the Spirit, we are called to bear witness to God's love.

Church staff:

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2019 Zion Council Members:

Bill Miller, President	
Kevin Miller, Vice President	
Janna McCormick, Treasurer	
Marie Meland, Secretary	
Gail Ring	Leah Juneau
Tyler Gabbert	Danielle Wold
Paul Shearer	Larry Heimbuch
Kyle Voss	Izabell Siegle
Vern Deaton	



Stewardship Corner

In the past we have considered that giving to God is both our "duty and delight". Last month we talked about the duty of meeting monthly expenses in our church.

This month we consider what we might call "sacrificial giving". This is an "over and above" type of giving after members have given their share in the expenses of the church. Our Loaves and Fishes program is just such an opportunity. Many people have given sacrificially, not because it helps to meet church expenses, but because it helps someone in need. Beyond Thanksgiving and Christmas, we can choose to highlight compassion for the poor and needy and emphasize sacrificial giving. Needs persist even after the holidays are gone.

Sacrificial giving contains the element of expecting nothing in return. In Luke 14:12-14, read about Jesus' admonition to not invite the rich and wealthy to our banquet, because they can repay us. Rather, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. We will be blessed, because they cannot repay us.

We consider the "radical renunciation" of our own treasures by giving sacrificially to help those in need. Mark Allan Powell, in his book Giving to God, recalls three reasons why we would give and expect nothing in return:

1. Giving away our money is a definitive act of worship.
2. Giving away our money is a demonstrable way of expressing our faith, of acting on what we believe.
3. Giving away our money is a spiritual discipline that frees us from the inevitable pull of materialism that would draw our hearts away from the things that matter most.

1 Peter 4:10 "Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received."

February Statistics	Att'd	Com	Offering
Jan 31 Thurs	11	11	30.00**
Feb 3 Sun	103	98	4,947.00
Feb 7 Thurs	8	8	505.00**
Feb 10 Sun	110	105	3,376.00
Feb 14 Thurs	8	8	30.00
Feb 17 Sun	66	58	2,016.00
Feb 21 Thurs	10	10	130.00
Feb 24 Sun	99	88	2,741.00
Feb 28 Thurs	See next month's Zionews		
(**This service offering included in Sunday Total amount)			

Pastoral Acts for February

Funerals - 0

Baptisms - 1 Jadis Denton Joyce 02-17-2019

Weddings - 0

Private Communions - 12

Communions - 12

(includes - Grandview, GMC Nursing Home)

FOR THE RECORD:

January 2019 Treasurer's Report

Income

Misc Income	-23.99
Tithes/Offerings	<u>14,825.00</u>

Total Income **\$14,801.01**

Expense

Advertising and Promotion	57.05
Annual Meeting	-79.00
Benevolence (ELCA)	2,017.90
Dues and Subscriptions	154.04
Evangel, Stewardship, Spec Events	190.00
MDU	1,574.54
Mileage Reimbursement	50.00
Miscellaneous Expense	-435.20
Mortgage (window debt)	415.00
Office Supplies	367.90
Pastors Housing	450.00
Payroll Expenses	6,820.27
Postage and Delivery	47.48
Pulpit Supply	50.00
Repairs and Maintenance	868.95
Snow Removal	460.00
Telephone/Internet Expense	127.72
Wage Tax	2,393.73
Water	<u>112.09</u>
Total Expense	\$15,642.47
Net Ordinary Income	<u>-841.46</u>
Net Income	-841.46
Year to date Net Income	<u>-841.46</u>
1/31/19 Statement Balance	\$40,443.67
1/31/19 Savings Balance	\$112,754.85
1/31/19 Mortgage (Windows Balance)	\$31,676.85

Wednesday, February 13, 2019

Call to Order: Council President, Bill Miller, called the meeting to order, and welcomed new members Vern Deaton and Izzy Siegle.**Devotions:** Pastor Avis distributed a communication from the synod, and pointed out items to consider. She asked that we all review this at home and be prepared to discuss it during the March meeting.**Approval of Minutes** from the January meeting. Kevin Miller noted the Evangelism and Stewardship Committee had no report for the January meeting, but had not been included in the minutes. Marie agreed to correct this omission. Tyler G. moved we approved the corrected minutes, Gail R. seconded, and the minutes were approved as corrected.**Treasurer's Report** was presented by Janna McCormick. A discussion followed about the month's budget ending in the negative. The monthly power bill was also noted, although it was not an unexpected amount, given the cold weather. February's bill will likely reflect the continued cold weather. Janna noted the insurance payment received for window repair was deposited into the savings account. She said she has heard nothing new regarding the Treacy grant, and has doubts that we will be approved. Marie agreed to contact Cathy K. about any possible updates on the grant.

Vern D. moved to accept the report, Paul S. seconded, and the motion carried.

Pastor's Report Pastor Avis announced she has been busy with home visits and communion for shut-ins. Confirmation classes continue, and the LPAs are progressing with their training and will have completed it in the next few weeks.**Communications:** A survey was received from the synod office. It will be distributed to the congregation members and will be turned in to the synod office. Deadline for submission is March 1, 2019.**Committee Reports:****Property and Management** – Bill M reported the new phone system will end up costing less than \$100 monthly, and it should be much more useful and effective than the current one. Some of the phones have been received, and the rest on to arrive soon. Testing will be completed as soon as possible. So far, the OOMA plan looks good. (Bill noted he had contacted Century Link as well as other providers before recommending OOMA.) A new office chair was purchased for Cammy Sue's office, and a Dyson vacuum was purchased for housekeeping. Paul Torres let Bill know his tractor is in the shop for the remainder of this week. The lot and sidewalks have not been cleared due to this. The parsonage transfer will be completed soon. Rich Batterman has agreed to draw up a purchase agreement. Keith Huschka will provide a check to the church to facilitate the transfer. Cathy Kirkpatrick will shepherd the purchase, and she has provided a checklist of considerations. Cathy has extensive real estate experience. The property is at 306 Hemlock in Forest Park, and the transfer should be complete by June 1st (or earlier if possible). The family will keep Mrs. Huschka's personal items, and the remaining furniture, household items, and appliances will remain in the home. Once again, council members noted that we have been blessed with this gift, and it will be an added incentive to any potential pastor candidates.**Evangelism and Stewardship** – Kevin Miller reports an Intervarsity dinner was served to twenty-one athletes and college personnel at DCC on February 5th. Susan Miller, Don Idso, and Ayana Jones served the meal of chili and bars. It was well-received. Thanks to Karen Shock, Susan Miller, and Gladys Weigum for cooking and baking. This committee also met prior to tonight's meeting and agreed to partner with Cami White to organize and advertise the African Children's Choir's performance on March 29th. Kourtney Stortz has left the committee; Kenna Gabbert and Ayana Jones recently joined.**Social Ministry** – Leah J. reported that Vern Deaton had joined the committee, and they have not met since January. Leah says they have discussed placing a collection box in the narthex to collect donations to be used for Attic gift cards. The cards would then be given to those being released from the Correctional Center. In the past, this was done and was very much appreciated.**Worship** – Pastor Avis announced she will be taking time off April 29th through May 8th. The committee will also need to find pulpit supply for May 2nd and May 5th. Gail R. agreed to check on pulpit supply. Pastor Avis will find someone to cover funerals during those times.**Youth and Education** – Cami White provided a written report for the Council members. A question about whether Zion will offer a \$500.00 scholarship again this year. Janna says funds are available, and council members agreed to offer it. Janna M., Marie M., and Vern D. will review applications. Housing is still needed for the African Children's Choir on March 29th. A meal will also need to be provided on March 30th for the Oak Grove Lutheran Choir members. They will perform a concert here as they are on tour.**Call Committee** – Cami White is working on an assessment of the previous call. Bill M. noted that we will need to use as many contacts as possible to get the word out to potential candidates. Videos, personal phone calls, and magazine ads were suggested.**Sanctuary Refresh Committee** – Vern D. answered questions about the various costs involved. He reported the cost of pews varies depending on the end caps that are chosen. Grant monies are not guaranteed, however, any funds remaining after window repairs will be used toward the refresh. Work will be done in the summer.

Wednesday, February 13, 2019

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New Business:

A list of upcoming events was provided by Bill M.

During Lent, the Council meetings will be held on Tuesday evenings beginning on March 12th. Lenten Soup Supper and Worship will begin on March 13th hosted by the Congregational Church. On March 17th, Quilters will be honored with coffee and muffins in the fellowship room. March 16th is National Quilting Day. The African Children's Choir will perform on March 29, and the Oak Grove Lutheran Choir will perform on March 30th. The Council will be providing soup supper on April 10th at the Congregational Church. Members will each need to bring two pans of bars. Other procedures will be discussed at the next meeting. Holy Week will be April 14-21, with Easter Sunday being on April 21st. Looking further ahead: The Women's Cluster Gathering will be held on April 27th, with Patrick Atkinson, founder of God's Child, as the featured speaker. This presentation will be opened to the public due to the timeliness of his message related to human trafficking. Mr. Atkinson is a national and international presenter on this topic. Copies of his biography, The Dream Maker, are available for \$16.00. Contact the church office, 406-377-3369, to purchase a copy.

Unfinished Business:

Tyler G. and Paul S. report that brunch for the annual meeting ran smoothly. They believe the new time, following worship, was a good change and resulted in more people attending.

Kool Kids grant is still in process. No word is expected until at least the end of the first quarter of the year. The Treacy Grant is also in process. An update will be provided by the time of our next meeting.

Adjourn: Gail R. moved to adjourn, Paul S. seconded the motion. The motion passed, and the meeting was adjourned.

Closing: Lord's Prayer and Mission Statement was led by Bill M.

Next Meeting: March 12th at 7 p.m.

Submitted by Marie Meland, Secretary

February Memorials

Radio broadcast February 17th in memory of **W. and Ann Dohrmann's 2-14 birthday**

from son Terry & Diane Dohrmann

In memory of **Dorothy McFadden, Carole Dick's and Darlene Henke's sister**

from Gert & Gordon Kolberg for Undesignated
from Gary & Maureen Lundman for L&F

In memory of **Berniece Mitchell**

from Donna Houck for Undesignated

In memory of **Marlene Buckingham**

from Donna Houck for Undesignated

In memory of **Dorothy Mathison**

from Jill & Marty Mann for L&F

In memory of **Marie McCormick, Martha Hilger, Carmen Joy Miller, Dorothy Mae Mathison, Andrea "Andy" Huschka, and Erna Martha Aldinger, Leslie Diane Micheletto, Joan Schmidt, Marie Miller**

from ZLCW for the Undesignated and L&F



The Call Committee is requesting that confirmed members fill out a survey to assist with our pastor search. Surveys can be picked up at the church starting March 3rd. Our hope is to have all surveys received by March 17th. If you would like a survey mailed to you, please send a request for a mailed survey to cami@zionlutheran.us. Questions can also be addressed through email as well.

This survey focuses on important ministry tasks and gifts, and characteristics of our congregation and community. This is an important part of the call process and your input is needed.

Special News and Events**Zion Youth and Family Ministry**

**** Check the youth table and bulletin board in the Narthex for Lent resources for all ages and stages, schedules for the month and *Taking Faith Home* resources.****

March 3

9 am Sunday School GIFT
11:15 am Spring Training for Acolytes and Deacons
6th grade retreat

3 pm Youth bake communion bread and activities

March 6

No Confirmation class - Ash Wednesday
7:30 pm YG Core

March 10

Daylight Saving Time Begins
No Sunday School GIFT
No Youth Group

March 13

3:45 pm 2nd year Confirmation class
6 pm Serve Lent Soup Supper at Congregational Church

March 17

9 am Sunday School GIFT
No FAITH5 - Movie clip discussions
3 pm YG Movie

March 20

3:45 pm 2nd year Confirmation class

March 24

9 am Sunday School GIFT
1:30 pm 5th/6th Youth Group
3 pm 7th/8th Youth Group
5 pm High School Youth Group

March 27

3:45 pm 2nd year Confirmation class
7:30 pm YG Core

March 31

9 am Sunday School GIFT
11:30 am YG Unite
5 pm YG Roots

March 3

9 am Sunday School GIFT
CrossGen Fun Day
Pancakes and BINGO



11:15 am Spring Training for Acolytes and Deacons
6th grade retreat (30 to 45 mins)

Cami will be preparing the acolyte schedule for May 2019 - April 2020, please send her a message for months that you know would work best for your current 5th - 7th graders

March 13

Youth will serve for the Lent soup supper at the Congregational Church. Help is needed starting at 5 pm for set up and clean up after.

**YG Core**

Meets on first and last Wednesday of the month. Due to Lent services we will meet at 7:30 pm this month. This is an opportunity of conversation for our High School students.

Reminders:

5th graders, First Communion class will be April 7th from 1 - 3 pm.

8th graders, Confirmation pictures are April 3rd at 4 pm.



**Zion Lutheran
Church Women**

Bible Study Circles and Groups:

Deborah: Thursday, March 7 at 2 p.m.

Hostess: Linda V

Hannah/Dorcas: Tuesday, March 12 at 10 a.m.

Sarah: Friday, March 15 at 1:30 p.m.

Hostess: Gail R in Fellowship Room

Circle of Prayer meets: Wednesdays at 10 a.m.

Chancel Guild meets: Wednesday, March 20
at 9 a.m. for cleaning

Quilters meet Mondays at 9 a.m.

Quilters' Appreciation

Sunday, March 17th, 2019, come and help us celebrate Quilters' Appreciation Day. Muffins and coffee will be served starting at 9:10 a.m. Our Quilters are awesome ladies who quilt every Monday from September through May. Quilts go to Lutheran World Relief, a quilt for each of our graduating high school seniors, and some extras available for our Used Furniture Room and Loaves and Fishes.

Help us say God Bless you
and Thank you!!

Karen Deaton
Peggy Handtmann
Marilynn Knapp
Cheryl Moerman
Myrna Quale
Karen Schock

Barb Gartner
Adele Idso
Maureen Lundman
Georgia Norderud
Esther Shearer
Gladys Weigum



Congratulations

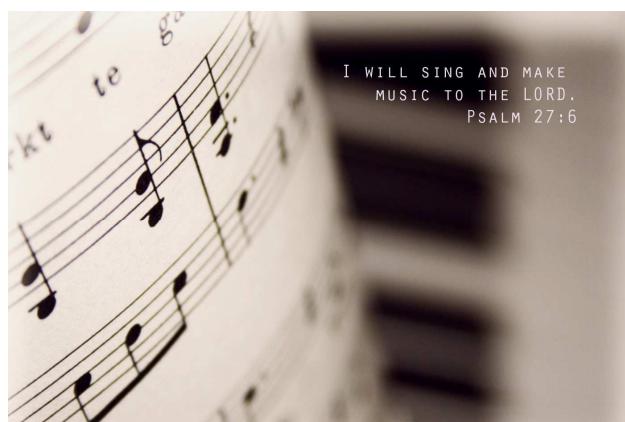
The Zion Lutheran Used Furniture Room and Loaves and Fishes were recently nominated among other groups for the Chamber of Commerce Non-Profit of the Year award. The Award highlights charitable mission and work in the community.

Thank you to our volunteers of both ministries for sharing your time and good work.

Barb Gartner	Jake and Carol Popp
Kristie Stanhope	Sheryl Stansbury
Karen Schock	Esther Shearer
Sharon Batterman	Vern Deaton
Don Idso	Bill Miller
Nancy Schipman	Teresa Schulte
MaryAnn Vester	

**Join us for music & inspiration
at Zion Lutheran Church**

**AFRICAN CHILDREN'S CHOIR
JUST AS I AM
HYMN TOURS
FRIDAY, MARCH 29 AT 7 PM**



**OAK GROVE LUTHERAN HIGH
SCHOOL CHOIR CONCERT
SATURDAY, MARCH 30 AT 7 PM**

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CONGRATULATIONS TO:

TIP Award recipients: **Abby Barnick, Mallory Robinson, Jaden Silha, Jaylene Silha**

Noah Seekins is on the Deans List for Fall Semester 2018 at NDSU Fargo, ND. He is the son of **Lisa and David Seekins** and the grandson of **Lilla Flesjer**.

Trevor Conrad, son of **Ryan and Tami Conrad**. Trevor was awarded regional coach of the year for his wrestling team in Dickinson and the team took State in Fargo.

Bailey Pearcy daughter of **Joetta and Merrill**. She has signed a letter of intent to play volleyball for MSU-Billings.

Washington Junior High Honor Roll 4.0 - **Jaylene Silha, Mallory Robinson** Honor Roll - **Corbin Gabbert, Thain White, Alexis Newton, Taden Sokoloski, Loren Voss, Caton Pearcy, Keira Cantrell, Matthew Reske, Wyatt Robinson, Jaden Silha, Bode Unterseher, Garret Voss, Ayla Jones**

DCHS Honor Roll 4.0 - **Bryn Snideman, Makenna Gabbert, Hope White, Kane Knudson** Honor Roll - **Kaitlyn Casini, Paigton Nottestad, Tommy Reske, Carson Staiger, Ayana Jones, Addison Marx, Dalton Oakland, Izabell Siegle, Austyn Nottestad, Emma Gabbert, Bailey Pearcy, Amber Sickler, Andrew Svenvold, Dalton Vickers**

Rocky Mountain College dean's List: **Taylor Schwartz**

Washington Middle School Music Festival — participating in the competition — **Corbin Gabbert, Garrett Voss, Loren Voss Victoria Shoopman Dellapaoleta**, daughter of **Dick and Sherrie Shoopman**, has been given an opportunity to show her photographs of the badlands and wild horses at an art Gallery in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Shelbi Kaul appeared recently in a concert at DCHS with the Black Hills State University band. She is a 2018 DCHS graduate.

We want to celebrate with you. Please share your joys with us. Let us know if your children or grandchildren are graduating, new babies, weddings, and other accomplishments and we will celebrate together. Please call the office by the 20th of each month (377-3369) or email to cami@zionlutheran.us.